

Europe's Ghastly War-Dream of Generations Finally Is Realized

**WHEAT DEALERS CALM
ON RECEIPT OF NEWS**

**WAR PREPARATIONS
GO ON NIGHT AND DAY**

Action of Germany Not Expected to Have More Than Temporary Influence.

LEGISLATION BADLY NEEDED

VIEWS SITUATION CALMLY

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Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch. London, August 1.—Great Britain's war preparations continue night and day, notwithstanding the government's "watchful waiting" policy. At Aldershot, the military headquarters, a large number of troop trains are waiting on the sidings with steam up. The service corps—working day and night—unloading baggage and war material. Searchlight blaze over Aldershot camp to-night.

Great activity prevails at Grimsby, where heavy forces of troops are held in readiness. Sixty thousand territorials went under canvas to-day on the annual tonight's training.

Another development is the guarding of all water works and electric power-houses supplying the principal towns.

Promotion of a food shortage is being discussed everywhere. It is estimated that the present supplies of Great Britain will last for six weeks.

A significant order was issued by the War Office to-day to the effect that sentries shall not be posted alone, but in couples.

London is taking the march of events with calm gravity. Wherever two or three men are gathered together, the question, "When will it be?" is invariably asked, and the invariable answer is, "Within the next twenty-four hours."

LONG CONFERENCE HELD

By PRINCIPAL BANKERS

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**JAPANESE NAVY READY
FOR ANY EMERGENCY**

Government Postpones Proclamation of Neutrality, and Is in Communication With England.

Tokyo, Japan, August 1.—The Japanese navy has been prepared to meet any emergency. The Minister of Marine to-day went to Nikko to consult the Emperor on the international situation.

The second battle squadron has assembled at the naval station at Sasebo. The Premier, count Shigenori Okuma, who is to confer with the Emperor to-morrow, in a speech to-day, said that to bring about a great peace, a great war is sometimes unavoidable. He added that there would be a general disturbance in Europe would result in itself into the final war of the world, leading to permanent and universal peace.

The government has postponed its proclamation of neutrality between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, and is in constant communication with the British government.

PLEADING TOURISTS TELL TALES OF BRUTALITY

London, August 1.—When the Canadian Marquette, which sailed from Liverpool to-day, arrives at New York to-morrow, she will find that she may then be forced to leave the ship because of several hundred Americans who have direct ties to Serbia, and Serbian citizens, who are atrocious and barbaric, cannot make compensation. Their stories will be well-nigh unbelievable.

"Not men of distinction who are on board have reached London only this morning, having arrived day and night from Austrian health resorts," says the paper. "Since Germany has declared war, and was a step taken at the last moment by Austria, probably with the view of putting herself right before the world."

**UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT
TO CUT TELEGRAPH CABLE**

London, August 1.—A Copenhagen dispatch states an unsuccessful attempt was made by the German torpedo-boat destroyers operating near the Danish sea to-day to cut the telegraph cable from Roedvig, Denmark, to Russia.

EXPECTS TURKEY TO FIGHT.

Sydney, Australia, August 1.—A bustle here, the Turkish ambassador, who is on his vacation, said to-night he believed Turkey soon would be come involved in war with Serbia.

WITH RESPECT NEUTRALITY.

Brussels, August 1.—The French minister to-day informed the Belgian government that he will respect Belgian neutrality in the event of war breaking out, but if that neutrality is not respected by the other powers, she will consider what action to take.

HONORED OFFER OF WITHDRAWAL.

Paris, August 1.—An unoffered, but credible report is current in diplomatic quarters that Austria-Hungary has offered to withdraw her troops from Serbia and submit her grievances to an international conference.

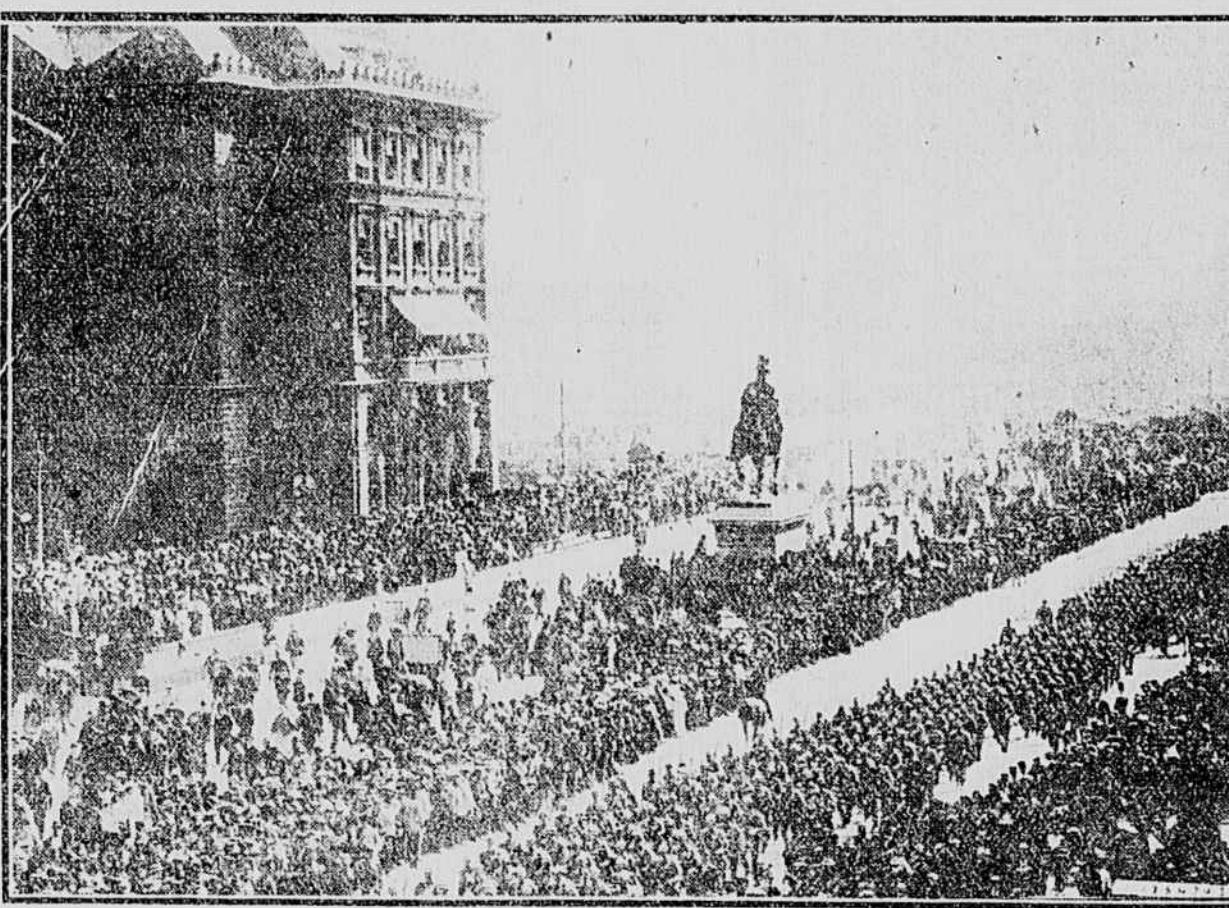
TUG SEES GERMAN EJECT.

Antwerp, August 1.—A dispatch from Flushing, Netherlands, to the Metropole says a tug boat in the North Sea to-paste yesterday night, when the steamer proceeded toward the Skagerrak with lights out. Later they turned on.

At present there are several British squadrons cruising north of Flushing.

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WAR SCENE IN THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL



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The photograph is typical of the intense excitement existing in Vienna, the capital of Austria, where the soldiers of the dual kingdom are marching through the streets en route to the front, while thousands of their compatriots are cheering them on their way.

**KING BREAKS DOWN
UNDER GREAT STRAIN**

Events of Past Few Days Have Told
Seriously on England's Ruler-Em-
bodiment of Troops.

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**DIPLOMATIC EVENTS
ARE MOVING SWIFTLY**

Germany's Reply to France Results in
Immediate Order for Mobiliza-
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**HOW FOREIGNERS
MAY LEAVE FRANCE**

Americans and British Subjects Per-
mitted to Return to East-
ern Frontier or Alsace-Lorraine.

Paris, August 1.—Foreigners may leave Paris or France before the end of the first day of mobilization by train, bus, automobile, etc. Those desiring to leave France may do so by certain trains, the time tables of which are posted, or by sea.

American citizens or British subjects may leave France, except on the eastern frontier and certain territories, provided they obtain a special permit.

A foreigner may leave France after the first day of mobilization without a passport. American, English and other foreigners may remain in Paris by obtaining a special police permit. Americans and Germans will be taken to special refuge depots in western France. Later they will be allowed to leave by a neutral frontier.

An American breaking these rules will be arrested.

Suggestions were cabled to Washington today that the United States send transports to French ports to take away Americans who can find no means of transportation.

Hundreds of American women tourists are greatly embarrassed through inability to obtain money on letters of credit.

Two of the largest and most luxurious hotels in Paris will close to-morrow. The patrons, largely Americans, must find other quarters.

**AMERICANS SUGGEST AID
FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT**

New York, August 1.—Cables from Americans abroad received to-night by the Associated Press, suggest action by the American government to assist them in returning home. One from Howard Carroll, New York attorney and business man, said he had sent in behalf of himself and other American tourists stranded there, proposed that the United States arrange for transports to sail to ports for sailing from various European ports to America. The message, after reading the plight of the tourists because of the partial suspension of trans-Atlantic passenger service, concluded:

"Unless transportation is secured, incalculable hardship will be imposed upon army of innocent people whose desire is to return home as usual to spend summers of money."

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
STILL DELIBERATING**

Paris, August 2.—It appears as if the deliberations of the Council of Ministers summoned by President Poincaré will continue to-night. At 2 o'clock this morning there was no sign of an end to the session.

The news that Germany had declared war against Russia was communicated to acting Premier Viviani by the Russian ambassador M. Iwolsky last night.

The express companies, members of the American Bankers' Association and representatives of foreign banks here, announced to-day they had discontinued the issuance of letters of credit or the sale of traveler's checks, because it was said, it was impossible to buy foreign exchange to cover them.

The express companies and banks announced that every effort would be made to insure payment on all outstanding checks.

BLOCKADED AT LISBON.

Lisbon, August 1.—Two German liners and a number of other foreign vessels are blockaded in the harbor.

**AMERICAN TOURISTS
TRY TO BOOK PASSAGE**

Flock to Headquarters of Transatlantic Companies in frantic effort to get home.

HIGH PREMIUMS FOR TICKETS

Cunard, White Star and Other British and Dutch Lines Do an Immense Business — Ambassador Page Goes Back to Rome.

London, August 1.—American tourists in England entirely gave up their sightseeing trips to-day, and flocked to headquarters of the transatlantic steamship companies to try to book passage home. Their one and only object appeared to be to get home as soon as possible.

The Cunard, the White Star and other British and Dutch lines did an immense business accepting many passengers who had intended to sail on Hamburg-American liners, all of whom had been definitely withdrawn from the service.

Many passengers paid high premiums for tickets to those who had them, but preferred taking the profit in the hope of getting home later at a lower rate.

The Hamburg-American and other German companies have ordered their vessels in all parts of the world to stand at ports and, if the crisis continues shipping soon will be entirely discontinued.

Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, who had booked on the Imperator, decided to-day to return to Rome, in view of the critical situation.

**DISCONTINUANCE
OF LETTERS OF CREDIT**

New York, August 1.—Determination of American bankers to prevent exportation of more gold to Europe may make it extremely difficult for the 300,000 Americans abroad to get cash for their immediate wants.

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Russia	1,290,000	3,300,000	5,500,000	5	